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2. Improvement of Swatow-Canton Highway

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1. Between 8 - 20 December, elements of five divisions of the 3 Field Army* under the command of CHEN Yi (陳毅) moved into the Canton area. These units detrained in the outskirts of Canton and moved to billets under extraordinary security precautions.
2. As of 4 December, local civil engineer students in Canton were being drafted to direct improvements on the Canton-Swatow highway.**

* Comment. While unit designations were not available, inspection indicated strongly that five units of division size are involved.

Comment. The estimation of five is possibly in excess of the true number.

** Comment. from this and other information that the Chinese communists are planning to build up Swatow for the invasion of Taiwan.

Comment. Chinese Communist intentions is probably correct. Also, there is previous information regarding the drafting of civil engineer students for highway construction projects.

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